**1 Management of primary health centres**

3144. MS. PRAMILA BOHIDAR: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have prepared any scheme for involving private medical colleges and non-governmental organizations in the management of primary health centres in the country; and

(b) if so, the details of private medical colleges which have come forward in Orissa ?

THE MINISTEROF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI A. RAJA): (a) There is no scheme for involving private medical colleges for the management of primary health centres except in the State of Karnataka.

As per the new guidelines of department of Family Welfare supported NGOs schemes, the Mother NGOs and Service NGOs will be involved in the delivery of health care services where primary health centres are not equiped with minimal infrastructure.

(b) There is no scheme for involvement of private medical colleges in Orissa.

**Legislation to discourage use of tobacco**

† 3145. SHRI KRIPAL PARMAR : Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a Central Legislation has been enacted to discourage the use of tobacco and tobacco products in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether it is also a fact that Government have also advised the States to follow the said legislation and consequently some States are following the same; and

(d) if so, the efforts made by Government to ensure that the said legisla tion is also followed by those States who are not yet following the same?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI A. RAJA): (a) to (d) The Cigarettes and other Tobacco products (Prohibition of Advertisement and Regulation of Trade and

† Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

Commerce, Production, Supply and Distribution) Bill, 2003 was introduced in the Rajya Sabha on 7th March, 2001 and passed by the House on 9th April, 2003. It envisages to discourage the use of tobacco and tobacco products by banning advertisement of tobacco products, prohibition of smoking in public places and ban on sale of tobacco products to minors in addition to other control measures. The Bill will now be taken up for consideration in the Lok Sabha. The provisions of the said Bill are proposed to be made applicable to the whole of India.

**Training to doctors to bring down maternal mortality rate**

3146. PROF. M. SANKARALINGAM : Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have started a pilot project to train doctors to bring down maternal mortality rate;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether this project has been made operational in Tamil Nadu in particular and other States in general;

(d) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor; and

(e) the steps taken to stop deaths of women during pregnancy in the country?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI A. RAJA): (a) and (b) Government of India have initiated a pilot training programme to train MBBS doctors in Life Saving Anaesthetic skills for Emergency Obstetric Care. This has been done to provide skilled doctors for taking care of life threatening obstetric emergency cases at First Referral Unit level, in order to bring down maternal mortality rate. In addition, another pilot project to train doctors on Manual Vacuum Aspiration (MVA) for safe abortions is being implemented in 16 district of 8 states, i.e. West Bengal, Tamil Nadu, Andhra Pradesh, Orissa, Rajasthan, Madhya Pradesh, Uttaranchal and Uttar pradesh.

(c) and (d) This training programme in Life Saving Anaesthetic Skills will be extended to the States, including Tamil Nadu after the experiences that are gained from this pilot project and these will be suitably incorporated in the curriculum of the training programmes that will be taken up thereafter. The pilot on manual Vaccum Aspiration (MVA) is already being implemented in Salem and Dindigul districts of Tamil Nadu.

(e) Under the RCH Programme a number of interventions are being implemented in all States of the country for bringing down deaths of women